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SUBJECT: DIETMAN COMMENTS ON MEETING WITH TENG HSIAO-PING--
PROSPECTS FOR PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY

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1. SEIGO HAMANO, LDP MEMBER WHO LED DIET DELEGATION TO CHINA
SEPTEMBER 7-14, OFFERED FOLLOWING COMMENTS TO EMBOFFS ABOUT HIS
SEPTEMBER 10 MEETING WITH PRC VICE-PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING
--WHILE TENG REITERATED POINT MADE IN SEPTEMBER 6 INTERVIEW
WITH AP DELEGATION THAT SECRETARY VANCE'S PROPOSALS
REPRESENTED "RETREAT" FROM THOSE MADE BY SECRETARY KISSINGER
AND PRESIDENT FORD IN 1975 (REF C), HE DID SO IN RESPONSE
TO HAMANO QUESTION AND HIS MANNER WAS CALM AND MATTER-OF-
FACT.

--HAMANO INTERPRETED TENG'S COMMENTS ON SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS
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AS AIMED AT JAPANESE RATHER THAN U.S.--I.E., TO REMIND DIET
GROUP THAT JUST AS CHINESE WERE HOLDING U.S. TO
SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE PROMISES ON NORMALIZATION, SO THEY
WERE HOLDING JAPANESE TO PROMISE MADE FIVE YEARS AGO
TO SIGN PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY (PFT).

--COMPARED WITH HAMANO'S TALK WITH TENG 2-3 YEARS AGO,

WHEN LATTER CHARACTERIZED U.S. AS WELL AS SOVIETS IN
"IMPERIALIST" TERMS, TENG THIS TIME DESCRIBED U.S.
AS HAVING MILITARY MEANS TO ASSERT ITS WILL, BUT
(IN CONTRAST TO SOVIETS) "NO AGGRESSIVE INTENT."

2. HAMANO'S NOTES ON PORTION OF TALK WITH TENG
CONCERNING SECRETARY'S VISIT ACCORD WITH INTERPRETATION
REF B THAT TENG'S BLAST TO AP NOT DIRECTED AT VISIT ITSELF,
BUT RATHER AT PUBLIC CHARACTERIZATION OF VISIT AS PRODUCING
"RESULTS" AND INDICATING CHINESE "FLEXIBILITY." OPERATIVE
PORTION OF HAMANO'S NOTES, WRITTEN IMMEDIATELY AFTER
MEETING WITH TENG, READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE THE PLAN BROUGHT BY SECRETARY VANCE SHOWED
A RETREAT FROM THOSE BROUGHT BY FORD AND KISSINGER.
THEY NOTIFIED THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, AND THEY
NOTIFIED TAIWAN. FURTHERMORE, THEY EVEN MADE
STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE CONTENTS OF THE TALKS.
IN THEM, THEY SAID: 'CHINA SHOWED AN EASING, TO
SOME EXTENT, CONCERNING THE TAIWAN PROBLEM. IT HAS
COME TO HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF FLEXIBILITY. THE
VANCE VISIT TO CHINA PRODUCED RESULTS.' UNDER
SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES IT BECOMES NECESSARY FOR US,
TO, TO MAKE KNOWN THE TRUE FACTS, OTHERWISE,
WE WOULD BE DECEIVING THE WORLD AND THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE. I SAID TO THE AP REPORTER: 'THERE WERE
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RESULTS. THE RESULT IS THE FACT ITSELF THAT
VANCE CAME. WHAT OTHER RESULTS CAN THERE BE?
VANCE LISTENED TO WHAT WE SAID. AND, HE SAID THAT
CHINA'S ATTITUDE WILL BE STUDIED, AND THAT TALKS
WILL BE HELD FURTHER. THAT IS FINE. UNQUOTE

3. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUESTION ON PFT, HAMANO
COMMENTED THAT MOST OF 40-DAY CURRENT EXTRAORDINARY
SESSION OF DIET WOULD BE DEVOTED TO BUDGETARY MATTERS,
AND THERE MAY NOT BE ENOUGH TIME LEFT OVER TO TAKE UP
SENSE-OF-DIET RESOLUTION ADVOCATING SPEEDY SIGNING OF
PFT (REF A). AS HAMANO IS A LOGICAL CANDIDATE TO
INTRODUCE SUCH A RESOLUTION, HIS CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE
INDICATES THAT RESOLUTION MAY NOT BE PUSHED IN THIS DIET
SESSION.
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